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- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the International application
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1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.  
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2. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
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**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43*b*/s.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

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**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	
	No: Claims	1-33
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	
	No: Claims	1-33
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-33
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**2. Citations and explanations**

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2 INDEPENDENT CLAIMS 1,11,27,28

- 2.1 The present application does not meet the criteria of Article 33(1) PCT, because the subject-matter of claims 1,11,27,28 is not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT.

Documents D1-D7,D9 disclose green ceramic coating compositions comprising nano-sized particles dispersed within a carrier medium together with pre-formed particles and a method for producing a ceramic coating upon a substrate comprising the steps of forming a slurry comprising a mixture of nano-sized ceramic particles and pre-formed particles, applying the mixture to a substrate and heat treating the slurry mixture to produce a ceramic coating ( see references of cited documents in the search report).

**3 INDEPENDENT CLAIM 32**

3.1 The present application does not meet the criteria of Article 33(1) PCT, because the subject-matter of claim 32 is not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT.

Document D8 discloses (the references in parentheses applying to this document): a method for producing a porous ceramic layer on a substrate and filling the pores in said ceramic porous layer with a metallic layer by electrochemical plating or electroless deposition ( see claims 1-3).

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